

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 3
THIRD QUARTER 2002
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 3 during third quarter 2002 was 88,147, an increase of 2.4% from the second quarter 2002, and an increase of 3.0% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 15 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 30.2% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2002, second quarter 2002, third quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 34. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 3 with 11,070 employees, or 12.6% of total employment. Terrebonne was the leading parish with 49,845 employees, or 56.5% of total employment.

Total wages increased by 3.4% from the same period in 2001, and increased 2.9% from the second quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$581.35. Assumption parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$603.24.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 3 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 3" beginning on page 37.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Assumption	\$ 603.24
Lafourche	582.98
Terrebonne	577.64

The number of reporting units in RLMA 3 for third quarter 2002 was 5,263.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

